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bill to Select File. But let me explain just some of the reasons. And first of all, I guess I'd encourage everybody here to step back, take a deep breath, and relax. Because what we've been doing over the past couple of days, I believe, is hurrying through things, trying to get to the end of this session. As we all know, this is the ninetieth day of a 90-day session. And so if we don't get something done today, it will have to wait until next year. And so for my opening, as just some background, I would say this is bill, this is one of those times when we can wait until next year. There's no hurry to pass this bill. As a matter of fact, before it appeared on most people's radar screen, would have been the day before yesterday, when it was amended into another unrelated bill at that time, just the day before yesterday, without the benefit of any General File discussion and debate. And so I guess the first reason that I would ask, or that you support this motion to return to Select File for a specific amendment is just the process. It is the ninetieth day, but I will say that you're probably also all aware that the underlying bill, LB 175 (sic--LB 751), is still on General File. We have not killed that bill, which would mean that it will come up for consideration next year. And so what's the hurry? What's the hurry? What was the hurry in amending this bill into LB 85 just the day before yesterday? Now, if you can convince yourself, or if you're safe with the thoughts that you've thoroughly considered this bill and that you feel that it's the right thing to do, particularly...and pass it with an E clause, then go ahead and vote for it. But if you, like I, think that we may be rushed into this thing a bit prematurely, and that we can wait, that we could put this thing off until next year, when we've all had a chance to think about the issues behind private prison contracting in the state of Nebraska, and not county court jurisdictional proceedings and procedures, which was the original LB 85, then I would vote...or, I would encourage you to, along with me, vote to return this to Select File for a specific amendment. Now, the amendment that I've filed you can view on your gadget. And it's quite a lengthy amendment. But let me just get to the gist behind, or why we need to return this bill, and why this bill...it's premature to pass this bill at this time, and the bill is flawed. Senator Wickersham tried to explain a couple of days ago, in effect, why the bill was flawed. And I've come around, and he's right. It